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- [X] 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- [] 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- [] 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 23.
- [] 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- [X] 5. A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 - a) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
 - b) has been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - c) is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- [X] 6. A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
- [] 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
 - a) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
 - b) have been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - c) have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 - d) have not been made and will not be made
- [] 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
- [] 9. An Executed Oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)] **Executed Decl/POA TO FOLLOW**
- [] 10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]

Items 11. to 16. Below concern other document(s) or information included:

- [X] 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98
- [] 12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1619A) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- [], 13. X A **FIRST** preliminary amendment
 A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment
- [] 14. A substitute specification
- [], 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter
- [X] 16. (other items or information) **PCT/RO/101, PCT/IB/301 30SEP99, PCT/IB/304 30NOV99, Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) 14DEC99, PTO-1449 w/2 cited refs. and 2 English Abstracts , PCT/IB/308 23MAR00, 1ST PAGE OF WO 00/15052 23MAR00, PCT/IPEA/401, PCT/IB/322 18APR00, PCT/IB/306 12OCT00 w/Notification of Change of Applicant.**

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Sir:

I, Masayoshi Suda residing at Suda Patent Office, Shinseawa-Ikebukuro Bldg., 4th Floor, 24-3, Higashi-Ikebukuro 1-chome, Toshima-ku, Tokyo Japan, declare:

- (1) that I know well both the Japanese and English languages;
- (2) that I translated the above-identified International Application from Japanese into English;
- (3) that the attached English translation is a true and correct translation of the above-identified International Application to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (4) that all statements made of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 UC 1001 and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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